

**VETERAN STATE PURCHASER
RETURNS TO LEAD PURCHASE & CONTRACT DIVISION**

RALEIGH - Administration Secretary Gwynn Swinson today announced that a veteran of the Purchase and Contract Division will come out of retirement to lead the division. Mike Mangum will become state purchasing officer, effective Sept. 1.

"Mike has a thorough working knowledge of public procurement," Swinson said. "He is well rested and ready to roll up his sleeves as division director. We are very pleased to welcome Mike back to the department."

As state purchasing officer, Mangum will have daily divisional management responsibility for purchasing activity totaling over \$3 billion annually. The Purchase and Contract Division is responsible for establishing contracts for goods and services required by all state agencies, institutions, public school districts, community colleges and the university system.

Mangum retired as chief of purchasing in 1996 with 26 years of state service. He served as purchasing chief for seven years. Mangum worked in several other capacities in the Purchase and Contract Division including state purchasing administrator, 1983-89; purchasing standards engineer, 1982-83; and a departmental purchasing officer, 1973-82.

Prior to joining the Purchase and Contract Division, he was employed as the purchasing agent for John Umstead Hospital in Butner, where he worked from 1969 to 1973.

Mangum is a graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in business. A Granville County native, he lives near Creedmoor.